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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CPO meets with new TTUTA Executive**

**November 9, 2022** - **Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial**, the **Chief Personnel Officer (CPO)** met with and congratulated the newly elected Officials of the **Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA) Executive** on **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** as part of a courtesy visit to allow for introductions and exchanges.

Coming out of the meeting, **Commander Dindial** took the opportunity to provide status updates he received from the **Ministry of Education** on several issues, some of which included the payment of outstanding increments for teachers, classification of extended sick leave, and issues surrounding transitional arrangements and the assessment of qualifications.

The meeting was very cordial and both parties indicated a commitment to continue dialogue on those matters. Further, the matters have also been placed before the **Ministry of Education** for their input, intervention, and resolution. There was an agreement to continue meeting at least once per term to assist in resolving issues affecting the terms and conditions of our nation's educators.

**The CPO** also acknowledges the contribution of the former **President of TTUTA, Ms. Antoina Tekah-DeFreitas**. He recalls her passion, persistence, and advocacy for improving the management of issues, the terms and conditions of employment of teachers and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.

Additionally, **Commander Dindial** recognises the dedication, commitment, and professionalism that our nation's teachers often demonstrate, and expresses his profound gratitude to them for their continued service in shaping the hearts and minds of the upcoming generations.

**Commander Dindial** is expected to continue discussions with the **TTUTA Executive** on those issues in **December 2022**.

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